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An SIU investigator looks for evidence at the Indian Point Road residence of a 73-year-old Dysart et al man, who was killed in a police-involved shooting on Wednesday morning, July 15. The shooting followed an incident at Minden's Valu-Mart where the man refused to wear a mask upon entering the store and allegedly assaulted an employee. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Fatal incident stemmed from face mask dispute

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

A 73-year-old man is dead and the Ontario Special Investigations Unit is investigating after a dispute that began

when the man assaulted an employee at Easton's Valu-Mart in Minden on the morning of July 15, after the employee requested that he put on a face mask to enter the grocery store.

"What we're doing is giving out free masks, if you don't have one," store owner Linda Easton told the *Times*. The health unit has mandated that face masks be worn inside businesses and indoor public spaces amid the COVID-19 pan-

dem. Easton explained she has an employee who's responsible for greeting people at the store entrance, providing face masks to those without them, and sanitizing carts.

"The guy just didn't want to wear a mask," Easton said. "... He just started pounding on my employee."

"My staff got together and tried to escort him out the door,"

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# Man killed in shooting wanted to be left alone, neighbour says

by **DARREN LUM**  
Times Staff

When Butch Munshaw, a retired post-master and well-known handyman in the Haliburton area, heard shots fired near his house on Indian Point Road, involving who he would later learn was his reclusive neighbour and the OPP, he was alarmed such a thing would be happening in his quiet neighbourhood.

It was close to 9 a.m. on July 15 when he heard two “high-powered gun shots,” Munshaw said.

“I said to my [adult] grandson, ‘That’s kind of strange.’ I jumped into my car and I went down and pulled out of the driveway and soon as I turned out, coming over the crest of the hill there, there was [an officer] on each side of the road like this [on the road],” he said, adding he saw a spike belt across the road.

One of the officers told him to return to his home, saying “Go back in your driveway and lock your door” and then added there is an “active shooter.”

Thinking about it, he said there must have been other police responders over the rise closer to his neighbour’s house, which is out of his view.

“We’re standing in the house and maybe 15 or 20 minutes later there was just a barrage of shots, eh. [My grandson] is a forensic science guy – he just graduated from forensic sciences. He said as soon as he heard those shots – he even named the rifle, the size it would [be], the calibre because he knew it – there had to have been 25 or 30 shots,” he said.

According to the Special Investigations Unit, which investigates incidents involving police where there has been death, two officers discharged their firearms during the incident. “The man was struck. He was transported to hospital where he was pronounced deceased at 11:47 a.m.,” a press release from SIU says.

On July 16, the SIU confirmed investigators had collected firearms, along with those of OPP officers, at the scene.

“From the scene, a semi-automatic rifle and a pistol were collected. The firearms of two police officers were also secured,” a press release reads.

A post-mortem examination was to be conducted on the morning of July 17, and the SIU is continuing to attempt to locate the man’s next of kin.

Since the shooting there have been dozens of police officers and the SIU investigating the area on the road, in front of and at the residence of the 73-year-old man.

It’s a surreal scene for residents, which has been covered by media outlets across the province.

The incident started about an hour before, at the Minden Valu-Mart where the man was asked to wear a face mask – a newly mandated measure by the region’s health unit to prevent the spread of the coronavirus. He reacted by allegedly assaulting an employee. According to the store owner, Linda Easton, the man then fled the scene in his vehicle, hitting a vehicle on his exit from the parking lot.

His name has not been released by the SIU, pending notification of next of kin. Their last update about the investigation was Thursday, July 16.

Munshaw is a friendly, gregarious man. He knows everyone in the immediate area and beyond because of his post office experience and his current business as a caretaker of cottages on the lake. However, his neighbour has been a mystery.



SIU investigators work along Indian Point Road on Thursday, July 16, the day after a 73-year-old Dysart et al man was killed in an OPP-involved shooting. /DARREN LUM Staff



Township workers assist police with supervising a road block just beyond Chandler Drive on Harburn Road on Wednesday, July 15 north of Haliburton. The road block was erected in the morning as the result of an incident in Minden./DARREN LUM Staff

The man avoided interactions, refusing drives from neighbours in the winter when he was walking and not engaging in conversation.

“If I was down [on my property within view of his driveway] there working and he was in the driveway, he would ... go up to the house,” he said. “He just would not be around people.”

He said the man lived on a large property closed off with a secured gate and no trespassing sign. He never saw anyone visit the man and believes he wasn’t “friendly with anybody.”

Munshaw said he has many questions and hopes more details from the investigation will be released.

“What happened to this guy? What made

him do this?” he said.

Munshaw’s neighbour Brian Nash, who lives on a road off of Indian Point Road, said he didn’t have any interactions with the man and was saddened to learn of his death.

“Although I never knew him I respected the fact that he only wanted to be alone. For 10 years I’d drive by his driveway and look up just to see if I might see him or if there were tracks in the winter so I knew he was all right. He clearly had some serious trauma in his life that left him only wanting to be secluded. Yesterday’s events are tragic,” he said.

*With files from Chad Ingram*

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We’re standing in the house and maybe 15 or 20 minutes later there was just a barrage of shots.

— BUTCH MUNSHAW

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An OPP vehicle sits in the driveway leading to the Indian Point Road residence of a 73-year-old man, killed in a police-involved shooting on Wednesday morning, July 15. /DARREN LUM Staff

# SIU recover weapons from the scene

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Easton said, explaining the police were called following the assault, the OPP receiving that call at approximately 8:19 a.m.

“He was speeding away, and hit a truck, turning it sideways,” Easton said, adding the man also attempted to run down store employees with his vehicle, and crashed into the side of the store, before speeding off on Highway 35.

According to the SIU, an officer followed the man’s vehicle for a short period of time, and based on his licence plate number, officers then made their way to his residence on Indian Point Road, north of Haliburton.

“Outside the residence, there was an interaction with the man and two officers discharged their firearms,” reads a press release from the SIU. “The man was struck. He was transported to hospital where he was pronounced deceased at 11:47 a.m.”

On July 16, the SIU confirmed members had collected firearms, along with those of OPP officers, at the scene.

“The scene was searched yesterday, and those efforts will continue today,” a press release reads. “From the scene, a semi-automatic rifle and a pistol were collected. The firearms of two police officers were also secured.”

A post-mortem examination was conducted on the morning of July 17, and the SIU is continuing to attempt to locate the man’s next of kin. At press time, there was no update on the post-mortem and the SIU has not yet made the name of the man public.

“The OPP has notified the province’s Special Investigations Unit (SIU) and they have invoked their mandate,” reads a press release from the OPP that was sent out the evening of July 15. “As a result, the OPP will not be able to provide any further information.”

Easton thanked the OPP for their response to the call, and paid homage to her employees, as well as all grocery store workers.

“All I want to say, I want to give credit to my staff, who were very competent in handling the situation,” she said. “They were the real heroes in this situation. I want to give credit to all grocery store workers, who are faced with interactions every day with challenging people.”

She also noted the tragedy of the situation, and that a life had been lost.

Four investigators and two forensic investigators from the SIU have been assigned to the case. The SIU investigates incidents involving police where there has been death, serious injury or allegations of sexual assault.

“The SIU is urging anyone who may have information about this investigation to contact the lead investigator at 1-800-787-8529,” reads a release from the agency. “The unit is also urging anyone who may have any video evidence related to this incident to upload that video through the SIU website.”

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I want to give credit to all grocery store workers, who are faced with interactions every day with challenging people.

— LINDA EASTON, OWNER OF EASTON’S VALU-MART

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The schedule of upcoming meetings are:

**July 30** – Regular Council Meeting      **August 27** – Regular Council Meeting

Please note Council Meetings are reduced to one meeting a month in July, August and December.

During this unprecedented time, the health and safety of our community is of paramount importance. Members of the Public are invited to observe Council proceedings by joining a live-stream link available on the township website at [www.minden hills.ca/council/](http://www.minden hills.ca/council/) or by using the direct link provided in the notice. We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting our website at [www.minden hills.ca/council/](http://www.minden hills.ca/council/).

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On behalf of the organizers, and due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we announce that the Gelert Cemetery Decoration Day originally scheduled for August 16, 2020, has been cancelled.

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# Changes in location, visitation for acute care services this week

by **SUE TIFFIN**  
Times Staff

Changes are being made to the acute care services at Haliburton Highlands Health Services, with visits to acute care patients being reintroduced, and a move of patients at the acute care unit in Minden back to Haliburton this week.

In a biweekly community update shared July 20, HHHS CAO Carolyn Plummer said HHHS had been reviewing the recommendations of the Ministry of Health and the Ontario Hospital Association regarding family and caregiver visitations of those in acute care during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"HHHS is finalizing a new 'Care Partner' policy that will allow for limited visits of acute care patients by people (family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, and community members) who provide important personal, social, psychological and physical support," said Plummer. "Care Partners will be required to pass COVID-19 screening prior to entry to the hospital, and will need to follow a number of protocols, similar to those in place for visitors to long-term care residents. HHHS will make this information available to the community once it has been finalized, as well as to anyone who wishes

to visit a patient in acute care."

HHHS also has a Virtual Visit program in place, in which family and friends can connect with patients over the internet.

"Our goal is to balance the need to protect the health and safety of our patients and health care workers, while considering the physical, social, and emotional well-being of patients, their families and caregivers," said Plummer in the update.

On July 21, HHHS planned to move patients back to Haliburton from the acute care unit that was created at the Minden site in early April in an effort to help decrease the risk of transmission of COVID-19 between patients and increase bed capacity in case of a possible surge of COVID-19 positive patients.

"HHHS will still be able to maintain separation of suspect or diagnosed COVID-19 positive patients from others in the acute care unit in Haliburton," said Plummer. "We are working diligently to ensure that the space in Haliburton and our processes will continue to maintain the highest standards of patient safety."

Plummer said HHHS would be able to make additional improvements to the space and equipment available at the Minden site, so that it could be safely used again if required at a later date.

"We are extremely proud of all of our HHHS staff and

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Our goal is to balance the need to protect the health and safety of our patients and health-care workers, while considering the physical, social and emotional well-being of patients, their families and caregivers.

— HHHS CEO CAROLYN PLUMMER

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managers who were able to quickly adapt an unconventional space, while providing the same excellence in quality patient care," said Plummer.

## Health unit clarifies business responsibility to enforce mask rules

by **JENN WATT**  
Editor

The region's face-mask regulations have been put in the spotlight following the fatal police-involved shooting of a man at his residence north of Haliburton, which followed an incident earlier that morning when he refused to wear a mask at Minden's Valu-Mart. The man is alleged to have assaulted an employee at the grocery store before speeding off in his

vehicle to his home, where he was in an altercation with the OPP that ended with the man being shot. The details of what happened are under investigation by the province's Special Investigations Unit.

Comments online and quoted by media indicate that some feel the policy, which is intended to reduce the spread of the coronavirus, puts workers in a potentially difficult position, by enforcing a divisive policy.

At their meeting on July 16, representatives for the board of health for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit did not wish to comment on the incident as the matter was under investigation.

Asked by the *Times* whether a business has an obligation to enforce the mask policy, the medical officer of health said the template policy sent out to businesses includes a line that a customer would not be denied service for not wearing a mask.

"We prepared packages with regard to stage 2 [of the province's reopening plan] and the use of masks. We sent information out to all of the businesses with regard to developing a policy to have in place and in the policy it outlines what we can use to put their best efforts into ensuring people who go into the premises wear a mask and that's to ask the person to put on a mask if they haven't got a mask on, but that they would not refuse service to the person, so ... to allow that person into the facility," Dr. Lynn Noseworthy said. "That was the draft template that we shared with all of the businesses. Now, what they chose to do with the draft template was their own business and we don't know what that particular establishment would have used."

The template distributed to businesses reads: "If a customer refuses to put on a face covering and refuses to leave the premises, staff are not required to engage further; there is not a need to turn away or remove a customer to achieve the best effort standard."

In other materials from the health unit distributed alongside the template policy, it answers the question "Can a person be refused service for not wearing a non-medical mask or face covering?" like this: "The requirement should be enforced in 'good faith' and any person not wearing a mask will receive a verbal reminder from the staff of the establishment."

Businesses that do not comply with the health unit requirements could be fined.

Face masks are used to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 by blocking respiratory droplets from entering the air.

Andrea Roberts, mayor of Dysart et al and a member of the board of health, said the incident was very sad and demonstrated the level of stress people are under. She said store owners don't know why certain people are refusing to wear masks and that they can't ask for medical specifics.

As of July 17, the HKPR District Health Unit region has moved into stage 3 of the province's reopening plan, which means more businesses are required to implement the mask rules.

A longer list of establishments includes most indoor places where members of the public congregate including restaurants, churches, public libraries, casinos, museums and many others.

Those who are inside, but who are no longer "roaming" are allowed to take off their masks, the health unit says. For example, in a restaurant, a mask would be needed to walk to and from the table, but not while seated. At an indoor wedding, masks would be needed until the guests were seated six feet from one another.

Exemptions for wearing a mask include children under two years old, children under five years old who refuse to wear them, people who can't take a mask off without help, and people with conditions such as respiratory or cognitive difficulties.

## Fatal collision on Highway 118

A single-vehicle collision on Highway 118 claimed the life of a 59-year-old man on the morning of Wednesday, July 15, OPP are reporting.

According to press release from the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment, police attended the scene west of Big East Lake in Minden Hills at approximately 10:30 a.m., and the man was pronounced dead at the scene. According to police, his westbound vehicle had travelled over a guardrail, and then rolled over.

The man's identity is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Any witnesses to the crash are asked to call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

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# Fire ban lifted across county

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

A fire ban that has been in place across the four townships of Haliburton County since July 7 has been lifted as of July 17.

"The current risk of wildfire has reduced within our township," reads a release from Minden Hills fire chief Nelson Johnson. "The rain over the last few days has reduced the wildfire risk. All burn permits issued within the Township of Minden Hills are reinstated and new permits will be issued."

Regulations prohibit daytime burning, between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., except by permit. No fire may exceed two metres in diameter, all fires must be attended at all times, and residents must have the ability to extinguish their fires.

Fireworks are prohibited, and require a permit.

"Materials must be clean wood and cannot contain plastics, garbage or hydrocarbon products such as tar, oils and grease," the release reads. "The smoke and odours must not interfere with your neighbours or obscure roadways. The Minden Hills fire department also requests the public's assistance to support these prevention measures, and to report any wildfires or suspicious activity by calling 911, immediately."

"Any person that sets, allows to be set or maintains a fire within that restricted time without a permit shall be responsible for all fees, fines and costs incurred by the fire department," the release states.

In a social media post, Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt wrote the fire ban had been lifted across the county, reminding residents that burning is prohibited between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

"The county's fire chiefs will continue to monitor conditions," she wrote.



## Eyes on the skies

Comet Neowise, discovered in March this year, is bright enough to be seen with the naked eye this month as it passes Earth. Photos of the comet taken near world landmarks like the Golden Gate Bridge, St. Peter's Basilica and from the International Space Station have circulated in the past few weeks. This photo of a local view of the comet, which makes its closest approach to Earth on July 23 and won't return again for almost 7,000 years, was taken by Christopher Leclerc on Friday night, June 17 from his family's home on Black Lake, near Moore Falls. The comet and its reflection can be seen on the lake's surface.



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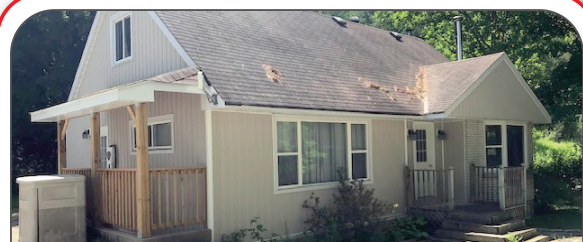
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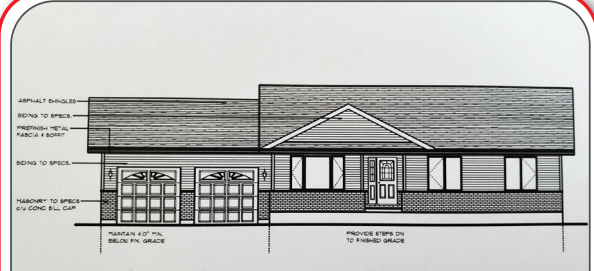
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# Maelstrom

**D**ESPITE THE weather, last Wednesday was a dark and distressing day in the Haliburton Highlands.

There are still some unanswered questions about what happened that day, but we do know some things.

We know that on the morning of July 15, a man went to enter the Valu-Mart in Minden, and by all accounts assaulted an employee there when he was asked to put on a face mask. We know he drove menacingly around the parking lot, striking vehicles and the grocery store itself, before speeding away on Highway 35. We know he was followed briefly by a police officer, and that using the man's licence plate number, the OPP located the man at his residence near Drag Lake. We know there was some kind of interaction there, that two OPP officers fired their weapons at the man, and that he was pronounced dead at hospital a short time later. We know that a semi-automatic rifle and pistol as well as police handguns were recovered from the property.

Those are the facts, as we know them, ones that have been confirmed by the store's owner and by the Ontario Special Investigations Unit, which is probing the incident.

As that incident was unfolding last Wednesday, and in the hours afterward, what manifested itself on the social media platform Facebook was a maelstrom of misinformation, a great, whirling pool of wild speculation, conjecture, accusations, rumours, judgement and bickering. Many in the community were aware something serious was happening, none of us knew for certain exactly

what, but that didn't stop many from just coming to their own conclusions. Just going for it, just making up their own narratives in the space left by the lack of real-time information from the police. People stating, with apparent authority, whether the man had weapons or not, or whether he was denied entry to the store or not (which was never reported), as if that would have in any way justified what happened, or what his motives might have been.

Maybe the guy this, maybe the guy that. People had heard this, people had heard that.



**CHAD INGRAM**  
*Reporter*

Social media can be helpful for a number of reasons, but it can also be problematic, in the way it can be both a breeding ground and conduit for misinformation, misinformation that can

spread quickly.

We know very little about the man who was killed last week – outside of his name, which we are withholding until next of kin is able to be notified by police, and we'll likely never know the real reason for what happened that day.

Facts – real, concrete facts from validated sources – can be difficult to come by in such situations. You often have to work hard to get them, or sometimes be patient in order to get them. Since the Haliburton Highlands OPP is now under investigation by the SIU regarding this incident, the SIU is now that main, validated source of facts regarding this tragic situation.

It can be frustrating, sometimes, how long we must wait for facts to emerge. But they are worth waiting for. Every time.



Rotary reflections /DARREN LUM Staff

# In praise of the lowly worm

**W**HEN ANGLERS these days talk about fishing, they mention jigs, spinnerbaits, crankbaits, soft plastics, poppers and the like, but very few mention the lowly worm. The worm is angling's dirty – and I mean this literally – little secret.

What is particularly bothersome about the worm and why most anglers neglect to give it credit is this. They work too well.

If you doubt that, fish using your favourite lure beside a kid or a totally novice angler with a red and white bobber with a worm dangling beneath it, if you dare.

Yes, when it comes to angling, a worm is practically foolproof. Any fish that swims will eat it.

That means if you catch a nice fish on a worm, most times the worm gets all the credit. And, with angling egos being what they are, this is an almost insurmountable problem.

Anglers tried to get around this issue in the early days of worm angling by rebranding them as nightcrawlers.

Of course, they weren't fooling anyone – although it was better than saying, "Don't worry, I've got worms!" in a public place.

The term nightcrawlers did take hold but it did not reduce the great embarrassment associated with letting a worm catch a fish for you. Because of that, and probably because he found them icky, one enterprising angler decided to try something else, and, in doing so, created a technological wonder that forever changed the course of human history.

He called it the rubber worm.

By elevating the form of the lowly worm into a lifelike object made of rubber, which could be produced in a plethora of colours, flavours and sizes, techniques used by worm

anglers – which all previously fell under the title of dunking – could now be given a host of names that made it look like more skill was involved.

Indeed, the angler could now honestly say that his decision to Texas Rig a pink worm was what made all the difference. And, if he said it outside of a group of non-anglers, people paid attention too.

Perhaps no one was happier about this than the worms themselves. For now, aside from marauding robins and woodcocks, they had nothing to worry about.

Despite this, anglers still cannot resist using the lowly worm. Most often, they use it in the way men have used lowly worms since time immemorial – as an enhancement.

There is nothing that will make a \$12 lure work better than the addition of 20 cents worth of nightcrawler. I have known anglers who enhanced rubber worms with real ones too.

The point here is that we as anglers, for some reason, keep looking a gift horse in the mouth. Which is, like anyone I take fishing, horribly misguided.

That is because we do not know enough to appreciate the simple things that work. If we did, we would still be using goats to mow own lawns.

Personally, I think it would be best if we just rejoiced about our worms. For, if you think about it, using worms was a major step up from eating them.

Of course, this is easy for me to say as a die-hard fly angler. For I neither use worms nor nightcrawlers when I set out in noble pursuit of a fish.

On occasion, I will enhance my fly with what we refer to as the garden hackle, however.



**STEVE GALEA**  
*Beyond 35*

## IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

# The riddle and the madness

**W**HY IS A raven like a writing desk? That's the question the Mad Hatter asks Alice in Lewis Carroll's fantasy *Alice in Wonderland*.

Alice ponders the question but does not have the answer.

"Have you guessed the riddle yet?" the Hatter prods.

"No, I give up," Alice replies. "What's the answer?"

"I haven't the slightest idea," says the Mad Hatter.

That scene from the Hatter's tea party is today's reality. Our world has become a wacko tea party with characters just as nutty as the Hatter, the March Hare and the Cheshire Cat.



**JIM POLING SR.**  
From *Shaman's Rock*

Too many people don't have the slightest idea of how to conduct themselves during this awful COVID-19 pandemic. We are living in a world of Mad Hatter mania with crazy behaviour increasing everywhere.

Confrontations over wearing protective masks have become numerous and ugly. They have led to racist rants and violent scenes resulting in injuries and deaths.

Last week's police-involved shootings of disturbed elderly men here in Haliburton County and outside Detroit, Michigan are examples. Both began with arguments about wearing masks.

There is Mad Hatter-style frenzy on the roads and highways. The Canadian Automobile Association (CAA) says 59 per cent of Canadians polled reported having seen an increase in dangerous driving since the COVID-19 crisis began.

Speeding topped the list of observed bad driving behaviours. Forty-four per cent of those polled by CAA said they saw drivers speeding in the last few months.

Speeding has not been in the top five of CAA's observed unsafe driving behaviours since 2013.

Aggressive behaviour is being seen more often while shopping. Racist rants are being reported more frequently.

Clerks have lost some of their previous pleasantness, and you can't blame them. Despite precautions, they are exposing themselves every day to customers who might be carrying the virus.

Customers also have become more unpleasant. A Home Hardware in Vancouver has seen enough bad customer behaviour to post a sign telling customers that disrespecting and abusing staff is unacceptable.

The sign reads:

"If you think you will be unable to behave in a calm, respectful manner and accept our current situation with empathy and an expectation of compromise, we kindly ask you to shop elsewhere."

Businesses, on top of suffering huge financial losses, are seeing an increase in crime. Commercial break-ins in Vancouver between March 18 and April 15 were up 147 per cent compared with the same period last year. Residential break and enters were up 51 per cent.

Police forces in Toronto, Ottawa, Edmonton, and York Region also are reporting increases in business break-ins.

There are various theories about why folks experience distress during stressful times. Fyodor Dostoyevsky, the Russian author whose novels often delved into madness, believed that madness is a manifestation of moral or spiritual crisis.

I believe our current craziness comes from the many stresses of modern living finally reaching the boiling point. We live with worries about the environment, changing climate, overpopulation, out-of-control drug addiction and an unstable economic situation. Then, along comes COVID-19.

Social media is aiding the madness. Anyone can pull out a smartphone and rant and rave and spew misinformation and other nonsense to an audience of millions.

Atop all that is a disheartening lack of strong leadership. Here in Canada, government responses seem to be to keep writing cheques. That's helpful in some ways but it would be nice to have regular assessments of the impact on the national debt and how it will get paid down. Therein lies another potential future crisis.

What's happening in the United States, which has COVID-19 problems worse than many banana republics, makes the Mad Hatter's tea party look calm, reasonable and sane. Watching TV reports of the U.S. government's responses to the crisis is like walking through an 1800s madhouse.

There are many difficult riddles about how to kill this terrible pandemic, how to open schools safely, how to get the economy back on track while keeping people safe. So many riddles and so many leaders who haven't the slightest idea.

Meanwhile, the Mad Hatter's riddle remains: Why is a raven like a writing desk?

The answer is obvious to me: Because Edgar Allan Poe, the American writer of stories dark and macabre, wrote on both.

## letters to the editor

# We can't change history

To the Editor,

I had decided to stay out of this issue of Black Lives Matter and the defacing or removal of statues. Perhaps it is the escalating of these events daily on the news, the constant demands being made against the police, the governments, the article in the paper re: the HHSS student who created a digital collage as an art project saying "Our skin may be different BUT we all bleed RED" or it is just the extreme heat we are experiencing that I decided to speak up.

We can't change history. It has passed. Let's learn from it. We weren't there when these people made the decisions that now upset some people.

**Lois Rigney**  
Minden Hills

# Play a round of horseshoes at Dorset's Centennial Park

## DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross  
burgesslt@me.com

If you're looking for something to do this summer, the Dorset Recreation Centre has horseshoes available to lend out so you can play in the pits at the Lions Centennial Park. Visit the Township of Algonquin Highlands website to reserve the shoes, or check the Rec Centre's Facebook page.

Do you want to stay active this summer, while also maintaining physical distancing? There are many great activities taking place to keep both your mind and body in

peak physical condition, and to also get you outside.

Online Ladies Toning Classes with Joanne McLeod are taking place via Zoom for free on Wednesdays at 11 a.m. For more information or to register contact the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Join Ardith Symmes, certified instructor, for Yoga in the Park on Mondays at 4 p.m. Classes take place at the Dorset Parkette on Highway 35 and are \$12 per class, paid to the instructor the day of class. Bring your own mat. To register, login to your online account or call the Rec Centre at 705-766-9968.

Happy birthday to Kay Gardner, Dave Lilliman, Brent Card and Alex Hamilton. For birthdays and submissions, please send them to burgesslt@me.com.



Work continues on the new Minden arena, seen here on Tuesday morning, July 21 just outside the construction area. The completion of the project with a price tag of \$12.75 million is expected this summer. /DARREN LUM Staff

## Staff pick - July

Cardiff Branch Supervisor Cathy Passaretti recommends:

**Storm Cursed by Patricia Briggs**

Mercedes Athena Thompson Hauptman is a car mechanic. And a coyote shapeshifter. And the mate of the Alpha of the Columbia Basin werewolf pack. None of this would have gotten her into trouble, though, if she hadn't taken personal responsibility for the safety of all the citizens who live in her territory. Mercy's home has become "neutral ground," a place where humans and fae dangerously co-exist. Nothing, and no one, is safe. As the inevitable clash begins, Death is on the wind. But Mercy's loyal to her pack. They gave their word. And they'll die to keep it.

Cathy says: Fast paced and full of adventure, this novel is the latest in Briggs's Mercedes Thompson series. I enjoy Briggs's writing and the way she has developed Mercedes' character

over the years. Rating: 10 out of 10



# Centre of gravity

THE CENTRE OF gravity is the point at which the body's mass is equally balanced. That's nice but what does that mean to you? Well, it has everything to do with stability. If falling isn't something you're interested in, paying attention to where your centre of gravity is makes the difference between staying on your feet and landing on your butt.

I am height challenged (almost five-foot-four). I was the shortest one in my immediate family and pretty much throughout my extended family. I often have to ask for help getting items off of a high shelf at the grocery store. Personally, I do not have a problem stepping up on the bottom shelf but that is frowned upon. I know that from experience. Aside from that and short jokes, being this height has not been a problem. It has been an advantage.

The closer the bulk of your weight is to the ground the more stable you are. Not only am I short, but I carry a greater percentage of my weight below my waist (finally I can see a benefit to that). Do you remember those weighted clown punching bags that you hit and they'd stand up again? That is a great example of a very low centre of gravity. The lower your centre of gravity the harder it is to be knocked off your feet. Comes in handy for sports like skiing, skating, stand-up paddling, surfing, etc.

Here's the tricky thing – you are born with your centre of gravity. The two factors that affect stability are height and where the bulk of your weight sits. Tall men with long legs

have the greatest challenge. Men tend to carry the bulk of their weight above the waist and having long legs just raises it more.

While you can't do much to physically change where your centre of gravity is in your body, you can adapt! It's as simple as bending your knees. Try this experiment:

Stand with your feet relatively close together.

Take a big step forward in a lunge position with one foot.

Step back to the starting position with your knees straight and locked.

Repeat the lunge and step back but this time bend your knees before you return to the starting position.

Try it on both sides.

Did you feel a difference? Anything you do to bring your weight closer to the ground improves stability. Conversely, anything that raises it creates

more of a challenge. Raising your arms will do it. So will carrying a backpack or a purse. Overcoming challenges like these starts with awareness. The best way to avoid falls is to train for them. Putting yourself in controlled unstable conditions, like standing on one foot and raising your arms, helps to train your nerves and muscles for circumstances that come your way unexpectedly.

Something to think about.

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Laurie Sweig  
Practical Fitness



## Moving in Minden

Above, instructor Meghan Cox, left, leads her clients in a short yoga session during her Monday Outdoor Personal Workout session on Monday evening, July 20 in Minden. The session, which was a circuit style workout, was part of JMF Outdoor Fitness and Wellness Summer 2020's offerings. / DARREN LUM Staff



Left, JMF client Alex Roome smiles while working out.



Instructor Meghan Cox leads her clients in a short yoga session during her Monday Outdoor Personal Workout session.

I thank the Haliburton County Echo and the Minden Times for their support for this announcement from **Minden/Haliburton Hearing Service.**

**Masks, Covid 19, and Lost/Found Hearing Aids**

If you have lost, or if you have found, a hearing aid: Please contact our office in Minden at 705-286-6001 or Haliburton at 705-457-9171 We can contact the manufacturer and, with the serial number, put a name with the aid.

If the aid is slightly damaged or dirty we will do what we can to clean and re-program the lost aid. We have access to all the manufacturers in Ontario.

**This is a no charge service from our company.**

**Public Notice**

Please remember patients with hearing impairment depend on also being able to read lips. Masks have made it very difficult when wearing the aids and when trying to understand soft voices through a mask.

Hearing aids are just that...an aid. Please get the person's attention before you speak. Speak slowly, be understanding, as this impairment is not like other impairments...it is invisible.

**Minden /Haliburton Hearing Service**

# Music instruction subsidies now available

The Haliburton County Folk Society has created a new musical subsidy program for residents of Haliburton County to support and maintain the Haliburton Highlands' vibrant music community during these challenging times.

The closure of performance venues has severely impaired the ability of performing artists to earn a living and taken away a source of pleasure and relaxation for the listening audience.

The HCFS rose to the challenge and launched a successful online concert series that provided a source of revenue for the artists and a source of in-home listening pleasure for the public.

As the community opens back up the HCFS continues to look for innovative ways to support musicians while enhancing the vibrancy of the community.

The implementation of a musical subsidy program enables local musicians to use this downtime effectively, as they work to enhance their performance skills, while providing an income stream for the selected instructors.

Each musician is able to evaluate their own personal needs and select the instructor who

can assist them with their development.

All forms of physically distanced instruction will be considered and may include instructors who do not live in Haliburton County.

Recommendation of appropriate instructors can be requested but the final decision rests in the performer's hands.

Subsidies are available to local artists who may appreciate financial assistance to pursue their musical training and knowledge.

Training may include, but is not limited to instrumental; vocal; songwriting; performance presentation; music technology, etc.

Subsidies will cover up to 80 per cent of the cost of instruction. The applicant is free to propose any qualified professional instructor. Applications will be open until Aug. 15, 2020.

Anyone interested in applying for a subsidy is encouraged to complete the application form found on [www.haliburtonfolk.com](http://www.haliburtonfolk.com). Questions can be directed to: [haliburtonfolk@gmail.com](mailto:haliburtonfolk@gmail.com).

Additional programs to support musicians and the listening public are in development and will be announced in the near future.

*Submitted*

# HCPL to continue with curbside pickup for now

*The following was submitted by the Haliburton County Public Library.*

On July 13, the Government of Ontario announced that much of the province, including Haliburton County, may enter Phase 3 of reopening as of Friday, July 16. The government has stressed that organizations should only reopen if they can do so safely.

Phase 3 for libraries is not business as usual, and it is going to take time to plan what our services will look like for the foreseeable future. For now, we are going to continue with our current online summer programming, and continue to offer our curbside service in Dysart, Minden and Wilberforce.

We are working to make sure that when we do open for Phase 3, we have everything in

place to provide the best service we can while keeping our communities as safe as possible.

There will be a public online meeting of the Haliburton County Library Board to discuss our Phase 3 plans on Aug. 19 at 4 p.m., which will be live streamed on our YouTube channel. Those details will be made available closer to the meeting date.

Thank you for your patience as we've navigated through the complexities of keeping HCPL going through a pandemic. It's been a challenge for all of our staff, and your kind words of encouragement have helped us through it. There's more to come, and we're looking forward to seeing you all in our branches again – just not quite yet.

Go to [haliburtonlibrary.ca](http://haliburtonlibrary.ca) for more.

# AH reopens playgrounds, lifts landfill restrictions

by **CHAD INGRAM**  
*Times Staff*

Playgrounds in Algonquin Highlands are reopened to the public as of July 17. They had been closed to public use for months amid the COVID-19 crisis. A release from the township indicates the playground equipment will not be regularly disinfected, and visitors are encouraged to practice appropriate hygiene. "Users must maintain social distancing and are encouraged to wear a mask when social distancing is a challenge," a release from the township reads.

In terms of the township's main recreational facilities – the community centres in Dorset, Stanhope and Oxtongue Lake, along with the Dorset tower – the release indicates township staff are working with its emergency operations control group and the health

unit to create a phased, reopening plan.

"Once finalized this plan will detail a multi-phased approach to re-opening recreational facilities that will prioritize staff and visitor safety while allowing some public access to those facilities to begin," the release reads.

Both the Dorset and Stanhope museums are undergoing construction and will remain closed for the season, the release indicates.

Additionally, as of Friday, July 24, the township will further lift restrictions on its waste disposal facilities, with operations at the Maple Lake landfill and Dorset transfer station returning to normal, that is, all normally accepted materials being accepted during regular operating hours. Cash is still not being accepted at the sites.

"At both sites payment must be by debit or credit card using our new tap-to-pay system," Mayor Carol Moffatt wrote in social media post. "Cash will NOT be accepted in keeping with COVID-related public health recommendations."

# Turn your newspaper into art (and win!)

Is this newspaper headed for the recycling bin once you have finished reading it with your morning cup of coffee? Chances are you have answered yes, unaware that these folded sheets of community news are useful beyond your leisurely reading. This paper is a surprisingly versatile material that has the potential to be repurposed into something amazing. Clothing, art, furniture – the possibilities are endless.

The *Minden Times* and the Ontario Community Newspapers Association are asking you to participate in the "This Old Newspaper?!" Reader Contest and recycle leftover newspaper into something new. Are you up for the challenge? Put your creativity hat on and enter for your chance to win the OCNA provincial price of \$1,000.

There are three categories:

- Open
- Junior under 12
- Family

**The rules are simple:**

1. Participants must repurpose newspaper into something creative and/or functional (anything goes – ballgown, basket, lampshade) and submit photos or video of it to the *Minden Times*. Email [classifieds@haliburtonpress.com](mailto:classifieds@haliburtonpress.com).

*Note: While a piece created 100 per cent of newspaper is ideal, we recognize that other materials may be necessary for framework and stability. Therefore, a piece must consist of at least 70 per cent recycled newspaper. Of course, it must also be appropriate for the public to admire.*

2. In addition to a brief description about

the participant's creation, they must submit a series of photos or videos taken during the construction process to show how the piece was developed.

The *Minden Times* will submit each participant's work to the OCNA by Sept. 1 for consideration in the provincial contest.

The provincial contest will then go live virtually for readers across Ontario to view and vote for their favourite. The piece with the most votes will win.

Getting creative with leftover newspapers is a great activity for families to do with kids while spending more time at home this summer, and a challenge for adults who find themselves (as the viral TikTok song says) "bored in the house." So, stop tossing those newspapers in the recycling bin and repurpose them so you can proudly say "This Old Newspaper?!" when showing your creation off to others.



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# Hyper-local campaign launched in Haliburton Highlands

It was a difficult spring for everyone, but especially for small business owners in the Haliburton Highlands who rely on tourist visitation. Forced to close their doors entirely, or quickly adapt their business model to safely adhere to COVID-19 restrictions, a fruitful summer season initially looked bleak for many local tourism business operators.

With summer in full swing, visitors now more than ever are looking for safe, close-to-home travel options, where they can feel confident that they can get outside and continue doing what they love to do, all while knowing their health and safety is paramount. As the province eases COVID-19 restrictions, Ontario's Highlands and the Haliburton Highlands are in a prime position to welcome visitors with ample outdoor activities, fresh air, and stunning scenery.

Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization in partnership with the Haliburton Highlands' tourism department, with funding from the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries, have just launched a hyper-local marketing campaign, aptly called, "To My Home, With Love." This campaign encourages residents to travel locally and rediscover their community this summer by exploring the great outdoor experiences, shops, and patios, close to home.

Nicole Whiting, executive director of OHTO explains, "This campaign is a celebration of the great places, people and spaces in the Haliburton Highlands that have helped



/Image from ToMyHomeWithLove.ca

us, and will continue to help us, cope with the impact COVID-19 has had on our daily lives. Local pride is stronger than ever and we are excited to highlight all of the reasons we appreciate living, working and playing in this area we call home."

Locals are invited to visit [www.ToMyHomeWithLove.ca](http://www.ToMyHomeWithLove.ca) where stories and videos are posted about the iconic places and hidden gems that make Haliburton Highlands so special. The site also features an Instagram contest encouraging locals to share what they

love about the region for a chance to win a GoPro HERO8 and other local prize packs featuring gift cards to neighbourhood restaurants, galleries, shops, artisan treats, and branded swag to represent their home.

The Love Letter campaign and contest will run through mid-October.

Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization

is a not-for-profit organization mandated and funded by the Province of Ontario to increase tourism within the counties of Haliburton, Lanark, and Renfrew and portions of Frontenac, Hastings, and Lennox and Addington. Find out more at [www.come-wander.ca/industry](http://www.come-wander.ca/industry).

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*Answers on page 11*

## Website focused on community-based jobs

Fleming College has launched a new website for job seekers and employers in the region.

The Fleming College Muskoka-Kawartha Service System Manager officially launched [flemingemploymenthub.ca](http://flemingemploymenthub.ca) on July 1, as part of its new mandate to act as the manager of employment services in the region beginning Jan. 1, 2021.

The website offers access to local employment and community resources. It also links to Fleming's partner site, Magnet, a powerful platform that matches job seekers with employers. Users can register for free.

Covering the District of Muskoka, City of Kawartha Lakes, and Peterborough, Northumberland, and Haliburton counties, the SSM is part of a prototype program introduced by the Government of Ontario earlier this year.

With a focus on community-based employment programs, the SSM aims to connect job seekers more efficiently with employers. This includes those with high barriers to employment such as persons with disabilities, those receiving social assistance, Indigenous peoples, new Canadians, Francophones, and

those with unique needs.

The SSM is liaising with employment service providers and social services to work toward the upcoming transition. Currently, there are over a dozen service providers in the region who deliver free, localized employment solutions for clients.

"Fleming College's intention is to continue to provide locally responsive programs and services via the service provider network," said Maureen Adamson, president of Fleming College. "Solutions will be delivered in the community, by members of the community who know best how to serve job seekers and employers in their area. We are part of this community and will apply our own insight and local knowledge to help improve service delivery and the client experience."

Through its two current employment services locations, Fleming college has served more than 23,000 job seekers since 2010, achieving extensive community and employer engagement within the catchment areas. The College contributes \$500 million annually to the communities it serves, supporting economic and social innovation in the region.

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# EOWC will work with province on recovery, warden says

by CHAD INGRAM  
Times Staff

While professional projections for COVID-19's impact on the economy of eastern Ontario are dire, Haliburton County Warden Liz Danielsen notes that eastern Ontario has fared better proportionally than other regions of the province, and says the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus will work with the provincial government on a strategy for economic recovery.

As previously reported, consulting firm Limestone Analytics has estimated the economic impact of the pandemic to eastern Ontario was \$3 billion in losses as of the beginning of June, and that by the end of 2020, projects that figure will be between \$6.8 and \$8.1 billion, dependent largely on how well the tourism sector is able to recover.

"The work done by Limestone Analytics for the Eastern Ontario Leadership Council (which works in partnership with the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and other groups) does paint a rather dire economic picture for eastern Ontario," Danielsen said in an email to the *Times*. "The data provided offers a number of scenarios from an optimistic outcome down to an actual failure to recover, something we will work to ensure does not happen. However, despite everyone in the county feeling the painful impact of the pandemic, it is somewhat heartening to learn that in many sectors of the economy Haliburton has fared much better than other areas of Eastern Ontario. In addition, the impact on GDP per household is less in Haliburton than the rest of eastern Ontario. In fact, on average Eastern Ontario has not been hit as hard as other areas of the province where industry and manufacturing play a larger part of the economy. Unfortunately, the travel and tourism industry has been one of the hardest hit, along with the wholesale and retail trade and construction industries, all of which are key to our economic success."

Ontario Minister of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Lisa McLeod visited the county earlier this month, and Danielsen said the EOWC, of which she is a member, will continue to work with the province.

"The EOWC is committed to working closely with the province on steps for economic recovery from COVID-19 and the study will definitely help to guide discussions that will take place between the EOWC and the province as we move forward," she said. "It will also help tremendously to inform the future direction of economic development practitioners and decision makers in the region."

While the task of economic development was moved from the county level to its four lower-tier townships nearly a decade ago, Danielsen noted there have been some recent discussions around the county council table about bringing economic development work back to the upper-tier level.

## SUDOKU SOLUTION

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## Heat Bank, Haliburton Rotary Club receive community support funding

Tens of thousands of dollars have been directed into the Haliburton County community through the Emergency Community Support Fund, administered through the United Way, with several grant recipients announced July 21.

Newly announced recipients include The Rotary Club of Haliburton, which received \$5,000 for basic needs bags; Kawartha North Family Health Team, which received \$18,450 for an anti-poverty initiative for

Haliburton County; and the Central Food Network, which received \$10,000 for Heat Bank Haliburton County.

Previous recipients include Point in Time, Haliburton Highlands Health Services and SIRCH Community Services.

The funding is specifically for charities or other community service organizations that provide services to vulnerable Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Funding has also been provided to Easter Seals Ontario, Kawartha Haliburton Victim Services, and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton.

"The impact of this investment is three-fold," said Penny Barton Dyke, executive director of United Way for the City of Kawartha Lakes. "Organizations in our area will be able to help people, especially citizens at risk, with some supports more rapidly; assist in connecting people to agencies that will help them now and going forward; and lastly help strengthen the capacity of our community by working collaboratively."

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"Every year we fundraise by holding a dinner auction during the month of June, you will see us on the road toll during Labour Day and ... [we sell] our famous peameal on a bun on Canada Day," Sharon Foster, fundraising chair for Rotary Club of Minden, wrote in an appeal to donors.

"We miss you. This year is vastly different. Minden Rotary Club has had to rethink fundraising strategies and come up with new ways of fundraising in order to continue to support local initiatives," she wrote.

Information on the fundraiser can be found

online at [mindenrotary.ca](http://mindenrotary.ca) or by emailing [events@mindenrotary.ca](mailto:events@mindenrotary.ca) or calling Foster at 905-867-2636.

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The middle child of three girls, she was predeceased by sister Norma and brother-in-law Gordon Mack and sister Dorothy Comrie.

She was a proud RN, graduate of Toronto Western Hospital., class of 47.

Beloved wife of Ken for over 69 years until his death last August. Mother of Jenifer (Olaf Lindow), Jeff(sadly predeceased 1982) and Greg(Marilyn Stafford) and loving grandmother of Liam Benstead. Keen follower of the Lindow clan, Scott (Angela) and their children and Kirk(Samantha) and their children. Also survived by brother-in-law and steadfast friend Ian Comrie, the Comrie, Mack and McCann cousins, their partners, children and grandchildren.

It was Helen's wish there be no funeral or memorial service. In keeping with her spirit raise a glass of wine, be kind to the "kiddies"and the "old people" and those having hard times and plant something!

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Despite the oppressive weather this past week, artist John Lennard was able to spend several days on the mural. The 12 foot by 60 foot canvas on the side of The Times building depicts the early logging history of the Haliburton Highlands. This photo was taken last Friday, when cooler conditions allowed the artist to make some progress before it became too hot.

## Fire ban imposed

The fire ban instituted last Wednesday is expected to continue into this week despite the rainfall received Friday.

The ban was invoked Wednesday across Haliburton County, and most of

Central Ontario north to the North Bay region, after several weeks of extremely hot and dry weather.

The conditions left the forests tinder dry and so the ban was ordered of the fire chiefs across the county and the Ministry of Natural Resources. While the rain which fell Friday offered some relief, one spokesman said that to bring the rating back to a reasonable range would require a steady rain for at least 24 hours. The showers, though heavy at times, were generally not enough to eliminate the hazardous conditions. Therefore the ban will remain in effect until conditions improve.

While most burning is banned, there are some exceptions. "It's a ban on all burning including campfires," said Mackenzie. But with a recent change in policy, some fires can be lit at resorts or large facilities providing they meet the stringent requirements laid out by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Anyone who has questions regarding these restrictions should contact the MNR for information before considering lighting any fires.

According to Mackenzie, all eight fire teams based in Haliburton have had a busy summer. Not only have they been extinguishing fires in this area, including a fire in Algonquin Park last week, several teams were sent to northern Ontario to fight fires near Geraldton.

Two teams have also been sent to The Yukon. "We have been busy," said Mackenzie. It is hoped the ban will help reduce the number of calls and give the NR and municipal fire departments a respite from the number of calls. Residents are advised to watch the fire danger rating signs located throughout the county. They are updated on a daily basis.

## Lottery windfalls will go to the hospital fund

Two Haliburton County municipalities are about to cash in on some winning numbers from the Ontario Lottery Corporation. Both Anson, Hindon and Minden and Dysart council have agreed to give the windfall with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Dysart will receive \$19,871 from the Ontario Lottery Corporation, while AH&M is receiving \$12,776 as part of its advance funding program for charities. The province, through the Management Board, is giving local municipalities up to \$40 million for redistribution to local charities. The funding has been divided on a per capita basis. The advance program will only last until March 31, 1999.

After some discussion among council members at a July 15 meeting, Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested that this money could be directed to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, since the municipality is already committed to giving money to the foundation, either through the

(more on page 3)

## Piecing it together

Quilters gathered on Friday and Saturday to work on the new Archie Stouffer Quilt at the Minden County Town Museum. The blocks were painted by grade three students from the school and arranged by Marvella Smith. Here Jean Cox, grade three student Jessie Stamp, Hilda Deacon and Fiona McFarland stitch a fish pattern around the border to go with the under the sea theme of the quilt. The finished product will be one of the many on display at the Second annual Quilt, Rug and Fibre Arts Show on July 25 and 26 at the Minden Community Centre. In addition to the quilts the show this weekend will feature hooked rugs, toothbrush and four braid rugs, demonstrations, musical entertainment, a selection of antique cars and workshops. The show opens each day at 9 a.m.



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### Shadow Lake \$699,000

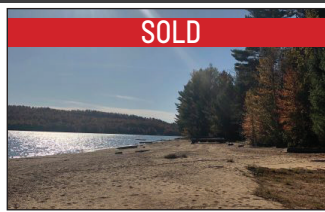
- Over 300 feet of prime Shadow Lake waterfront on 16 vacant acres
- Developed shoreline is sandy with a gradual, easy entry. Potential for severance



Adele Barry  
705-457-0306

### Saskatchewan Lake \$289,000

- Year-round cottage or waterfront home
- 2 bedroom home with many recent updates
- On a clean 2-lake chain with good fishing and ideal for kayaking & canoeing



Drew Bishop\*\*  
Kristin Bishop\*\*  
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### Exceptional Opportunity! \$699,900

- South facing, flat, pure sand, big lake views
- Rare lot on Redstone Beach with year round access
- Drive installed, hydro & bell at the lot, & a drilled well



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### Canning Lake \$669,000

- Renovated 2 bedroom cottage and 1 bath
- Insulated with new electrical panel and plumbing
- Large deck for entertaining and great lake view
- Terraced lot slopes gently to nice waterfront



Andy Campbell  
854-0292

### Business for Sale \$800,000

- Profitable Rent-All
- 3 dealerships
- Possible financing



Gloria Carnochan\*  
754-1932

### Kennis Lake \$399,000

- 101 feet of waterfront. With NE exp
- small cove on the left side of property
- Gorgeous Canadian Shield & Mature Trees



Mark Denny\*\*  
457-0473

### Haliburton Home \$679,900

- Minutes to Haliburton, Private
- Appx 5449 Sq Feet, 3 Acres
- Beautiful Great-Rm w/Forest Views
- Attached Garage, Income Potential



Tom Ecclestone  
286-2138 x 26

### Commercial Units for Lease

- 1000 sq ft, end unit, HWY 35 and CR 21
- Roughed in for eat in/take out food service
- Perfect for Pizza/Fish + Chips ETC
- Excellent Lease Options



Lindsay Elder\*\*  
457-5878

### Brady Lake Lot \$109,999

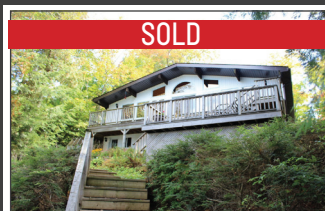
- Western Exposure for sun all day
- Dead end road between Property & Lake
- Partially owned waterfront
- Stunning water views



Andrew Hodgson\*\*\*  
286-2138 x 29

### West Lake \$619,900

- 2900 Sq Ft executive home on 1.5 acre lot, perfect for every season
- 3+ bedroom, 3 bath, & cozy Bunkie/Studio
- Fabulous lakeview plus a new dock



Susanne James\*\*  
Andy Mosher\*\*  
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### Miskwabi Lake \$699,900

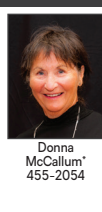
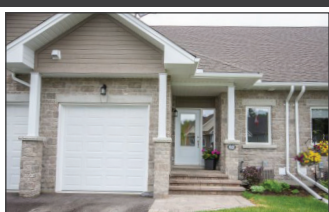
- 4-season cottage or home on awesome 2-lake chain
- Clean rock shoreline, big lake view, sunset exposure
- Municipal road access, 20 minutes from Haliburton Village



David Lee\*  
286-2138 x 27

### Norland Home \$329,000

- New Home 1,000 sq ft
- 2 bedroom town water
- 5 new appliances



Donna McCallum\*  
455-2054

### Silver Beach \$479,000

- Open concept, 3-bedroom, 2 bath condo
- Located in a premium no maintenance Lifestyle community on Lake Kashagawigamog



Brandon Nimigon\*  
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### Eels Lake \$170,000

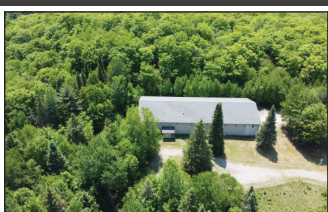
- Island lot, w/views on 3 sides, 93 yards from mainland
- 3 season cottage, 2 bdrms, loft, 3pc bath
- .39 acres on automatic 5 yr land renewal lease



Karen Nimigon\*\*  
457-6505

### Head Lake \$455,000

- Custom bungalow built for sharing, 1-acre lot
- 2 units, 4 bdrms, 2 baths, shared kitchen
- Use of common lakefront & Dock



Kirsten Rae\*  
286-2138 x 30

### Industrial Park Rd \$1,350,000

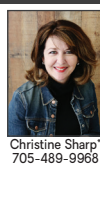
- 12,000 sq ft of mixed use industrial and commercial space
- Sitting on a private 6.75 acre lot in Haliburton
- Unlimited possibilities with this building!



Darlene Reil\*  
447-2055

### Gooderham \$139,900

- 2+ acres with mobile home with additions & garage
- Close to river access



Christine Sharp\*  
705-469-9968

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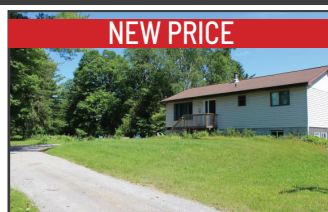
- Cottages, homes, land
- Evaluations based on today's market
- Call or visit C21 Carnarvon



Greg Stamp\*  
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### Miskwabi Lake \$449,000

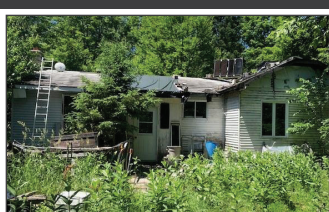
- Idyllic 1920 Sq Ft country home
- 2+2 Bedrooms, 1.5 bathrooms
- Open concept living, fully renovated
- Deeded access to Miskwabi Lake



Melanie Vigrass\*  
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### Overlooking Green Lk \$459,000

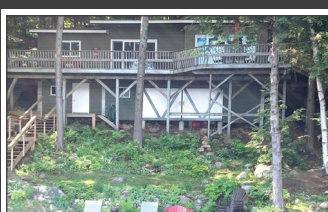
- Bungalow w/ Granny Flat
- 2.3 Acres, 496' Rd Frontage
- Dock & Pergola Lakeside
- Commercial zoning for multiple uses



Tom Wilkinson  
286-2138 x 25

### Bingham Rd \$125,000

- Great project for the handyman
- Totally off the grid on 23+ acres.
- Close to Minden



Andrea Wilson\*\*  
457-2128 x 25

### Kennis Lake \$675,000

- Four season, 3 bedroom cottage in a quiet bay
- 100' of sand shoreline and expansive lake views
- Extensive upgrades inside & out + a solid rental history!

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